Besides the above two housing schemes, registrants are also waiting for allotment under another Housing Scheme, known as Janta Housing Registration Scheme, 1996.

(b) to (d) Presently, 24,000 houses of various categories are under construction in newly developed areas like Dwarka, Rohini, Narela and Vasant Kunj with a view to ensure that the waiting lists under New Pattern Registration Scheme, 1979; Ambedkar Awas Yojana, 1989; and Janta Housing Registration Scheme, 1996, are cleared by March 2005.

ACP for clerical grade employees of GoIP, Minto Road

2057. SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that claims of staff of clerical cadre of Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi for grant of ACP have been overlooked by the DPC held during the period from November, 2001 to March, 2002; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The claims of eligible officials of the clerical cadre in the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi for grant of financial upgradation under the Assured Career Progression Scheme have not been overlooked by the Departmental Promotion Committee during the period from November, 2001 to March, 2002.

Filling up of ponds, lakes etc. for construction purpose

†2058. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that land is being acquired for construction of houses, shops, markets, etc. in the cities and metropolitan cities by filling up old ponds, lakes etc. with waste materials;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government would issue any guidelines in this regard in view of the water crisis and the fury of pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No information is available regarding acquisition of land for construction of houses, shops, markets, etc in the cities by filling up old ponds, lakes, etc. with waste materials.

(c) Matter relating to proper disposal of waste materials is the responsibility of State Governments and Urban Local Bodies. The Ministry of Environment and Forests have issued Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000, under the Environment Protection Act. The Central Government has also requested the State Governments to adopt rainwater harvesting to replenish ground water sources. In respect of Delhi, the building bye-laws have also been amended to make rainwater harvesting mandatory.

Evaluation of Schemes for Alleviation of Urban Poverty

2059. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes under implementation for alleviating urban poverty;

(b) how far these schemes have helped in alleviating urban poverty;

(c) the steps taken to ensure proper implementation of these schemes;

(d) whether any evaluation/study has been conducted to determine effectiveness of these schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing through the State Governments/UTs, a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of